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ABSTRACT

This booklet provides a variety of demographic information about the Alaska school system covering, in most cases, the past 10 years. The Alaska Commissioners of Education from 1917 to the present are listed, followed by a phone directory of the department, and general district and school information. The section on student information gives average daily membership at public schools, Alyeska Central School, and Mt. Edgecumbe High School; vocational school enrollment and graduates; numbers of bilingual/bicultural, special education, gifted/talented, and migrant students; and the number of high school graduates and GED recipients. Alaska averages and national averages are given for SAT and ACT test scores. The section on staffing information contains certified staff by gender; salaries for teachers, building administrators, central office staff, and specialists; and pupil/teacher ratios. Number of students served and state reimbursements are given for boarding homes. Information on pupil transportation covers numbers of students transported, costs per pupil per day and per year, and total costs. Local, state, and federal revenues are presented, as are expenditures by cities, boroughs, and rural school districts. For national food programs, information is presented concerning total numbers of meals served, percent of total meals that are free or reduced-priced, amount of federal reimbursement for food programs, and value of commodities donated by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. School district information includes area in square miles, average student daily membership, name of superintendents, and contact information. (TD)

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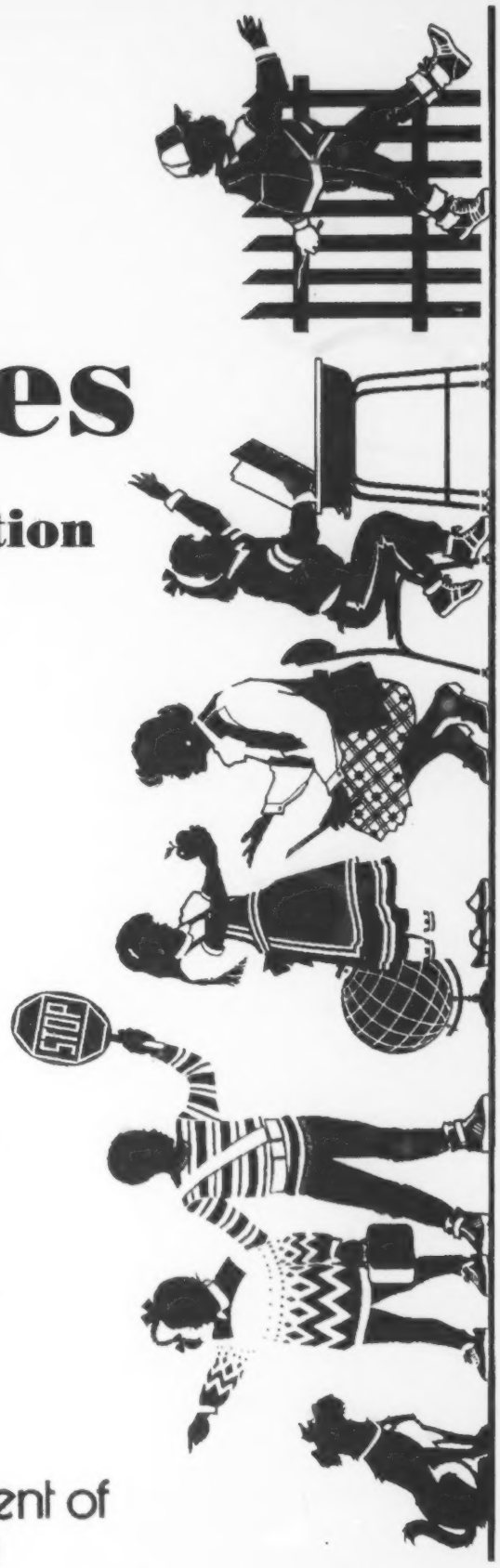

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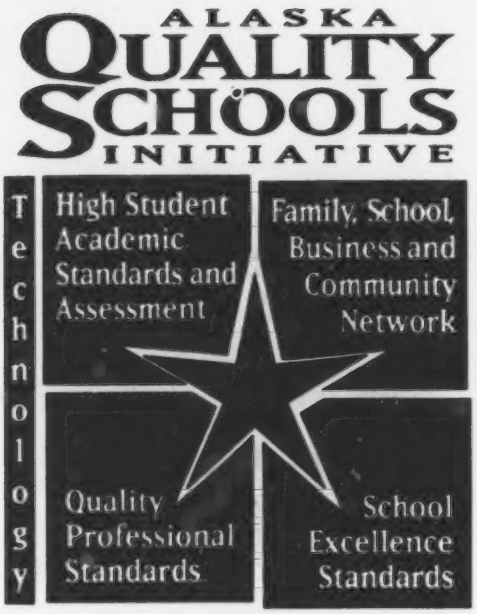

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General District and School Information 1996-1997

Number of Alaskan Schools

Public Schools	490
Home Schools	494
Private Religious	35
Private Non-Religious	13

Number of School Districts

City and Borough School Districts
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Regional Educational Attendance Areas (REAAs)
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Total Public School Districts **53**

plus two state-run schools:
Mt Edgecumbe
Alyeska Central School

Student Information

Alaska Public School Average Daily Membership

	ADM	Percent Change
1996-97	126,465	1.4
1995-96	124,753	1.8
1994-95	122,511	0.89
1993-94	121,396	1.8
1992-93	119,202	3.1
1991-92	115,640	4.8
1990-91	110,365	4.5
1989-90	105,661	4.2
1988-89	101,437	0.3
1987-88	101,144	(2.0)*
1986-87	103,157	0.03
1985-86	103,124	2.9
1984-85	100,239	4.0
1983-84	96,381	3.8
1982-83	92,874	3.4
1981-82	89,848	3.9
1980-81	86,490	(1.4)*
1979-80	87,722	(.5)*
1978-79	88,173	(.7)*
1977-78	88,784	(.7)*
1976-77	89,414	1.5
1975-76	88,126	2.9
1974-75	85,667	2.7
1973-74	83,414	(.2)*
1972-73	83,616	

Includes City and Boroughs, REAAs, Mt. Edgecumbe, and Alyeska Central School.

ADM — *(Average Daily Membership) — the average number of KG-12 students enrolled in a school over a twenty day count period.*

Percent Change — *Derived by subtracting the prior year's ADM from the current year's ADM and dividing by the prior year's ADM.*
**If there was a decrease in ADM the percent of change will be in parenthesis.*

Alyeska Central School (Correspondence Study School)

	ADM*
1996-97	1,626
1995-96	1,581
1994-95	1,477
1993-94	1,475
1992-93	2,281
1991-92	2,079
1990-91	1,985
1989-90	1,437

**ADM count period begins on July 1.*

Mt. Edgecumbe High School

	ADM
1996-97	293
1995-96	275
1994-95	282
1993-94	282
1992-93	268
1991-92	213
1990-91	213
1989-90	190
1988-89	191

Alaska Vocational Technical Center Student Enrollment and Graduates

	Enrolled	Graduates
1996-97	1,496	1,234
1995-96	1,671	1,535
1994-95	1,514	1,368
1993-94	1,844	1,610
1992-93	1,710	1,499
1991-92	1,677	1,555
1990-91	1,801	1,609

***Note:** Graduates do not include students enrolled in technical programs that operate over more than one fiscal year. They will be counted as graduates in the fiscal year in which they graduate.*

Number of Identified Bilingual/Bicultural Students

	Number	% ADM
1996-97	18,237	14.4
1995-96	15,761	12.6
1994-95	14,771	12.1
1993-94	13,385	11.0
1992-93	11,737	9.8
1991-92	12,056	10.4
1990-91	11,183	10.1
1989-90	11,103	10.5
1988-89	10,548	10.4
1987-88	9,948	9.8

Number of Identified Special Education Students

	Number	% ADM
1996-97	22,947	18.1
1995-96	22,600	18.1
1994-95	17,417	14.2
1993-94	17,297	14.2
1992-93	17,367	14.6
1991-92	16,107	13.9
1990-91	14,748	13.4
1989-90	13,901	13.2
1988-89	12,775	12.6
1987-88	12,796	12.7

Number of Identified Gifted/Talented Students

	Number	% ADM
1996-97	5,228	4.1
1995-96	5,125	4.1
1994-95	5,193	4.2
1993-94	5,228	4.3
1992-93	5,189	4.4
1991-92	4,945	4.3
1990-91	4,696	4.3
1989-90	4,577	4.3
1988-89	4,252	4.2
1987-88	4,157	4.1

Number of Identified Migrant Students

	Number	% ADM
1996-97	13,763	7.1
1995-96	15,194	12.1
1994-95		*
1993-94		*
1992-93	21,949	18.4
1991-92	18,984	16.4
1990-91	16,272	14.7
1989-90	14,396	13.6
1988-89	13,002	12.8
1987-88	10,778	10.7
1986-87	9,120	8.8
1985-86	6,910	6.7

** Data for these years not available.*
Data for years 1992-93 and earlier are based on a six-year eligibility.
Data for years 1995-96 and later are based on a three-year eligibility.

Number of High School Graduates and GED Recipients

	High School Graduates	GED Recipients	
1996-97	6,175	*1,563	(1997)
1995-96	6,013	*2,111	(1996)
1994-95	5,765	*1,714	(1995)
1993-94	5,762	*1,649	(1994)
1992-93	5,563	1,618	
1991-92	5,548	1,498	
1990-91	5,463	1,623	
1989-90	5,392	1,397	
1988-89	5,644	1,199	
1987-88	5,907	1,736	
1986-87	5,692	1,757	
1985-86	5,435	1,950	

** Test data for GED is kept only by calendar year.*
GED - General Educational Development diploma by examination awarded to Adult Basic Education (ABE) participants (adults age 16 and over)

Scholastic Assessment Scores

(SAT) Alaska Statewide Averages

	Math	Verbal	Percent of Graduates who took the SAT
1996-97	517	520	53.0
1995-96	513	521	47.0
1994-95	489	445	49.7
1993-94	477	434	49.6
1992-93	477	438	48.9
1991-92	475	433	47.5
1990-91	481	439	45.4
1989-90	476	438	47.1
1988-89	480	443	46.7
1987-88	475	441	45.7
1986-87	479	445	45.0
1985-86	479	445	41.0
1984-85	477	446	40.6
1983-84	471	443	34.3
1982-83	468	437	32.6

(SAT) U.S. National Averages

	Math	Verbal
1996-97	511	505
1995-96	508	505
1994-95	482	428
1993-94	479	423
1992-93	478	424
1991-92	476	423
1990-91	474	422
1989-90	476	424
1988-89	476	427
1987-88	476	428
1986-87	476	430
1985-86	475	431
1984-85	475	431
1983-84	471	426
1982-83	468	425

(ACT) Alaska Composite Scores

	Scores	Percent of Graduates who took the ACT
1996-97	21.0	32.1
1995-96	20.9	35.2
1994-95	21.0	42.0
1993-94	20.9	41.4
1992-93	20.7	41.1
1991-92	20.6	40.4
1990-91	20.6	35.6
1989-90	20.2	34.7
1988-89	20.1	39.2
1987-88	20.5	36.6
1986-87	20.7	36.8
1985-86	20.2	39.8

(ACT) U.S. Composite Scores

	Scores
1996-97	21.0
1995-96	20.9
1994-95	20.8
1993-94	20.8
1992-93	20.7
1991-92	20.6
1990-91	20.6
1989-90	20.6
1988-89	20.6
1987-88	20.8
1986-87	20.8
1985-86	20.8

Note: *In 1990 the content of the ACT changed, making comparisons prior to 1986 no longer appropriate. Scores prior to 1990 have been converted for comparison with the updated version of the test.*

Staff and Salaries

Total FTE of Staff in Alaska Public Schools by Gender

	Certified Classroom Teachers		Other Certified Staff		Total Staff
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total
1996-97	*2,426	*4,841	*701	*960	*8,928
1995-96	*2,395	*4,834	*685	*952	8,866
1994-95	*2,370	*4,806	*681	*947	8,804
1993-94	2,332	4,762	672	959	8,725
1992-93	2,381	4,810	679	922	8,792
1991-92	2,321	4,718	680	880	8,599
1990-91	2,243	4,346	677	854	8,120
1989-90	2,210	4,114	688	806	7,818
1988-89	2,179	3,947	658	738	7,522
1987-88	2,301	4,078	618	634	7,631
1986-87	2,428	4,195	689	629	7,941
1985-86	2,449	4,197	N/A	N/A	N/A
1984-85	2,335	3,762	702	698	7,497
1983-84	2,382	3,950	551	365	7,248
1982-83	2,484	3,902	635	551	7,572
1981-82	2,226	3,564	568	541	6,899
1980-81	2,010	3,211	541	362	6,124
1979-80	1,961	3,218	552	378	6,109

Certificated Staff - *Includes all teachers, superintendents, principals, counselors, school psychologists, curriculum specialists, librarians and others. Does not include classified staff such as teacher aides, clerical, food service, maintenance and other employees.*

FTE- *The equivalent of one full-time staff member. Two half-time employees equals one Full Time Equivalent.*

* 1994-95, 1995-96, and 1996-97 numbers are estimates.

Average Salaries

	Classroom Teachers	All Teachers
1996-97	**	* 50,847
1995-96	**	* 47,349
1994-95	$47,549	$47,565
1993-94	45,878	46,263
1992-93	46,019	46,032
1991-92	44,661	44,674
1990-91	43,392	43,427
1989-90	43,125	43,161
1988-89	41,752	41,807
1987-88	41,190	N/A
1986-87	41,184	N/A
1985-86	39,447	N/A

* *Data from the 1997 Statewide Educator Supply and Demand Report, Alaska Teacher Placement, University of Alaska Fairbanks*
** *Data not collected*

Classroom Teacher: *A certified classroom instructor who performs formal instruction within a specified time period.*
All Teachers: *All certified teachers including classroom, itinerant, remedial specialists and head teachers.*

	Building Administrators	Central Office Staff	Specialists
1996-97	Figures Not Available		
1995-96	Figures Not Available		
1994-95	$69,576	$75,919	$50,833
1993-94	59,702	72,212	47,373
1992-93	67,516	74,835	49,724
1991-92	64,651	71,425	48,207
1990-91	63,065	69,922	46,570
1989-90	62,451	69,307	45,971

Building Administrators: *Includes principals and assistant principals along with head teachers who spend a portion of their time on administrative duties.*
Central Office Staff: *District personnel such as superintendents, directors and mangers who provide administrative services for the school district.*
Specialist: *Individuals in non-teaching and non-administrative positions such as counselors, nurses and librarians who perform services of a specialized nature.*

Alaska Pupil/Teacher Ratio

	City & Borough Districts	REAAs	Overall Average
1996-97	*18.0	*12.3	*17.0
1995-96	17.5	12.5	16.9
1994-95	17.6	12.5	17.2
1993-94	17.6	11.9	16.9
1992-93	16.8	12.1	16.1
1991-92	16.8	11.6	16.2
1990-91	17.2	11.2	16.2
1989-90	17.2	11.3	16.2
1988-89	17.2	11.7	16.2
1987-88	17.3	11.7	16.3
1986-87	16.5	11.9	15.7

**Figures for 1996-97 are estimates.*

Boarding Home Program Costs

	State Reimbursement	Number of Students Served
1996-97	$110,696	35
1995-96	127,024	36
1994-95	128,787	36
1993-94	157,223	40
1992-93	253,218	61
1991-92	230,000	86
1990-91	159,423	44
1989-90	173,473	46
1988-89	229,232	64
1987-88	188,250	71

Pupil Transportation

Total Spent Statewide

	State Reimbursement
1996-97	*$32,842,200
1995-96	**32,842,200
1994-95	31,564,848
1993-94	29,360,153
1992-93	28,444,314
1991-92	27,275,778
1990-91	24,482,400
1989-90	24,482,400
1988-89	24,668,172
1987-88	21,136,454
1986-87	21,343,817
1985-86	23,131,177
1984-85	24,688,766

* approximate
**actual legislative appropriation

State Cost Per Pupil Transported

	Number of Students Transported Per Day	Cost Per Day	Cost Per Year
1996-97	47,955	$3.80	$684.85
1995-96	45,084	4.05	728.47
1994-95	46,105	3.80	684.63
1993-94	46,838	3.48	626.84
1992-93	45,938	3.44	619.19
1991-92	41,864	3.62	651.53
1990-91	45,031	3.02	543.60
1989-90	45,136	3.01	542.41
1988-89	43,825	3.13	562.88
1987-88	45,008	2.61	469.64
1986-87	46,420	2.55	459.80
1985-86	45,488	2.83	508.51
1984-85	44,890	3.12	549.98

Public School Revenues

Local Revenues

	Local Revenues	% of Total
1996-97	$247,781,207	26.4
1995-96	231,758,163	25.5
1994-95	226,505,214	25.2
1993-94	214,224,996	24.0
1992-93	206,164,174	23.0
1991-92	199,556,741	23.9
1990-91	183,601,347	23.7
1989-90	185,649,967	24.6
1988-89	182,662,447	25.7
1987-88	177,863,909	26.0

State Revenues

	State Revenues	% of Total
1996-97	$626,817,498	66.9
1995-96	617,211,530	67.8
1994-95	602,637,592	67.8
1993-94	600,863,726	67.3
1992-93	584,967,253	65.3
1991-92	571,314,031	68.4
1990-91	533,090,093	68.6
1989-90	505,813,892	66.9
1988-89	469,114,839	66.0
1987-88	456,956,602	66.9

Federal Revenues

	Federal Revenues	% of Total
1996-97	$63,105,780	6.7
1995-96	60,301,223	6.6
1994-95	69,051,762	7.7
1993-94	78,074,978	8.7
1992-93	104,982,825	11.7**
1991-92	64,677,293	7.7
1990-91	59,948,842	7.7
1989-90	63,952,806	8.5
1988-89	58,842,997	8.3
1987-88	48,282,952	7.1

**Change in accounting for military Impact Aid

Public School Expenditures

City and Borough Expenditures

	District Expenditures	Cost per Pupil in ADM
1996-97	$766,925,896	$6,918
1995-96	753,841,616	6,887
1994-95	744,712,982	6,905
1993-94	728,260,780	6,835
1992-93	701,927,758	6,795
1991-92	669,388,842	6,662
1990-91	623,139,744	6,518
1989-90	596,031,154	6,510
1988-89	543,120,183	6,118
1987-88	517,564,239	5,846
1986-87	534,180,728	6,076
1985-86	557,998,108	6,341
1984-85	539,300,187	6,274
1983-84	401,932,872	5,438
1982-83	409,713,896	5,269

REAA School District Expenditures

	District Expenditures	Cost Per Pupil in ADM
1996-97	$170,094,365	$12,434
1995-96	171,453,396	12,744
1994-95	164,077,480	12,724
1993-94	160,237,489	12,207
1992-93	160,939,272	12,058
1991-92	162,120,255	12,592
1990-91	158,454,279	12,610
1989-90	159,912,309	12,809
1988-89	160,290,641	12,653
1987-88	148,725,395	11,791
1986-87	159,462,426	11,159
1985-86	172,217,671	12,160
1984-85	162,504,284	12,178
1983-84	144,660,893	11,186
1982-83	145,449,554	11,021

National Food Programs in Alaska Public Schools

School Lunch Program

	Total Number of Meals Served	% Free & Reduced Priced *
1996-97	7,969,028	57.0
1995-96	7,537,182	59.0
1994-95	6,974,519	57.2
1993-94	7,427,243	56.5
1992-93	7,153,967	55.6
1991-92	6,868,290	53.0
1990-91	6,402,512	50.0
1989-90	6,268,757	46.0

School Breakfast Program

	Total Number of Meals Served	% Free & Reduced Priced *
1996-97	1,442,138	81.0
1995-96	1,315,459	81.0
1994-95	1,143,877	80.8
1993-94	1,122,484	80.5
1992-93	1,069,793	80.4
1991-92	940,283	81.0
1990-91	880,080	81.0
1989-90	837,493	78.0

Special Milk Program

	Total Number of Milks Served	% Free & Reduced Priced *
1996-97	20,602	0.0
1995-96	32,773	2.0
1994-95	44,982	0.002
1993-94	56,314	0.04
1992-93	58,738	0.5
1991-92	31,352	0.6
1990-91	36,079	0.5
1989-90	79,799	1.0

* **% Free and Reduced Priced-** *The percent of the total breakfasts, lunchs or milks served at a reduced price or free.*

Total Amount of Federal Reimbursement for Food Programs in Alaska Schools

1996-97	$16,759,911
1995-96	15,388,772
1994-95	14,210,555
1993-94	13,890,549
1992-93	12,835,207
1991-92	11,862,657
1990-91	9,555,532
1989-90	8,953,894
1988-89	8,350,500
1987-88	8,456,750
1986-87	7,934,403

Total Value of U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Donated Commodities Given to Alaska Schools

1996-97	$1,129,967
1995-96	1,180,840
1994-95	1,211,600
1993-94	1,033,073
1992-93	1,241,367
1991-92	1,007,313
1990-91	1,031,881
1989-90	951,255
1988-89	1,336,711
1987-88	1,300,729
1986-87	1,150,315

Note: All reported figures include participating school districts, residential childcare institutions and Mt. Edgecumbe High School.

Alaska School Districts in Square Miles and Student Average Daily Membership 1996-97

School District	Square Miles	ADM
Alaska Gateway	20,649	573
Aleutians East	7,348	372
Aleutian Region	4,890	34
Anchorage	1,884	46,470
Annette Island	8,978	391
Bering Strait	24,240	1706
Bristol Bay	873	313
Chatham	43,992	334
Chugach	20,200	157
Copper River	20,649	773
Cordova	6	534
Craig	10	422
Delta Greely	7,182	844
Denali	12,800	391
Dillingham	22	541
Fairbanks	7,361	16,132
Galena	24	165
Haines	2,620	445
Hoonah	2	271
Hydaburg	1	117
Iditarod	44,441	416
Juneau	3,100	5,586
Kake	1	200
Kashunamiut	1	247
Kenai	25,600	10,342
Ketchikan	1,250	2,856
Klawock	1	210
Kodiak	17,783	2,862
Kuspuk	12,120	474
Lake and Peninsula	25,061	524
Lower Kuskokwim	23,792	3,372
Lower Yukon	19,302	1,736
Matanuska-Susitna	20,544	12,352
Nenana	9	173

Alaska School Districts in Square Miles and Student Average Daily Membership 1996-97, continued

School District	Square Miles	ADM
Nome	18	777
North Slope	84,983	1,937
Northwest Arctic	37,296	2,000
Pelican	1	32
Petersburg	2	763
Pribilof	7,182	197
St. Mary's	52	130
Sitka	7,927	1,770
Skagway	11	137
Southeast Island	18,856	326
Southwest Region	21,996	701
Tanana	15	102
Unalaska	23	375
Valdez	274	877
Wrangell	44	528
Yakutat	5,875	160
Yukon Flats	59,865	444
Yukon/Koyukuk	64,000	556
Yupiit	19	401

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